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Amendment in Reply to Final Office Action of February 3, 2005

REMARKS

Reconsideration and entry of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claim 23 is allowed and that claim 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claim 23 is allowed and that claim 19 is allowable.

By means of the present amendment, claims 2, 5, 8-12, 17-21 have been cancelled without prejudice, claims 3-4, 6, 15-16 and 22-23 have been amended, and claim 24 has been added. The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves its right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

In particular, claim 22 has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 19 including intervening claim 18 which have been cancelled without prejudice. Further, claims 3-4 and 6 have been amended to change their dependence to allowed claim 23 and inclusion in claim 5, certain features of canceled claim 5.

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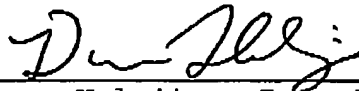
Claims 15-16 and 23 have also been amended to correct typographical errors. In addition, new claim 24 has been added related to a communication system having a scope commensurate with the scope of the allowed method claim 23. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that new claim 24 is in allowable form, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any informalities remain, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite allowance.

Please charge any fee deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

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